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ABSTRACT

The directory lists 123 local or state parent groups for gifted children in 37 states. Groups are listed alphabetically by name under each state. Provided for each listing is name and address; a contact person (name, address, and phone number); an additional contact person; membership number; organization focus; examples of past and present activities; and desired future activities. Also included is a fact sheet on how a parent group can effect legislation for the gifted and talented. (DB)

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There are many similarities between the education of gifted and talented children and the education of other populations of exceptional children. Today, the most pronounced similarity is advocacy initiated and maintained by parents. A parent is the child's first teacher. As such, parents are often more acutely aware of the social, emotional and educational needs of their children than teachers and other professionals, who begin their involvement when the child reaches school age or is admitted to some type of formal school setting.

One significant difference between the education of gifted and talented children and other exceptional students is that the gifted and talented do not have the support of federal law mandating their appropriate education. Parents often find themselves striving to effect their child's education in a system where there is no desire to improve existing conditions. Long ago, parents realized that unity is a key to getting things accomplished. As a result, we have witnessed parents with individual and specific concerns forming coalitions with other parents to achieve common goals. To date, parents of gifted and talented children, working in organized groups, have been instrumental in furthering their child's education. However, the effort has not yet achieved the quality education for the gifted it is capable of on the national level. There are probably two reasons for this underachievement. First, gifted education is a relatively "new" entity in the special education arena. It has not yet had the time to make the progress and effect the change its counterparts have been successful in accomplishing. Secondly, most efforts undertaken by parent organizations have been isolated by state or local districts. Communication between groups seldom, if ever, occurs.

Gifted and talented child education has been a concern of parents for many years. Enhancing communication and promoting shared activities between individual parents and parent groups can be one means of translating that concern into action. Such communication has the potential of evolving into a network that can provide support, information, and direction to other parents, and facilitate the improved education of gifted and talented children. Toward that end, this compilation of the names, addresses, and descriptions of parent groups across the country has been completed.

To compile the list, CEC staff sent a letter to each state consultant for the gifted requesting the names and addresses of state and local parent groups from within their state. Each identified group was asked to complete a one-page information survey on the size, activities and future goals of its organization, as well as the current address, president and president-elect or additional contact.

The results of this survey have yielded information on 123 separate parent groups for the gifted and talented, representing 37 states. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia did not report.

The list would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of Ms. Laeten Bechtel, doctoral candidate with the University of Maryland. Additional thanks must go to Ms. Gloria Grigsby, who typed and typed, and typed...

It is our intention to revise this list periodically. Therefore, if there are groups that have not been included in this list, or if modifications need to be made in the current listings, please notify

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Note: The ERIC fact sheet, How a Parent Group Can Effect Legislation for the Gifted and Talented, located at the end of this directory may be freely duplicated and distributed.

Alabama

Alabama Association for Gifted & Talented (ALATAG)
University of South Alabama
P. O. Box 1914
Mobile, Alabama 36688

Contact: Kay B. Tiblier, Ph.D.
University of South Alabama
Dept. of Sociology
Mobile, Alabama 36688
(205) 476-9252 or (205) 460-6347

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Advocacy/education

Activities - past and present: Co-sponsor national conference; sponsor parent/educator workshops; survey of facilities; consultation to school board.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported

Alabama Association for Talented and Gifted (ALATAG)
P. O. Box 4842
Montgomery, Alabama 36101

Contact: R. Gene Wiggins Until: November, 1981
2204 Linde Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35810
(205) 852-9355 Home (205) 859-7368 Office

Additional Contact: Robert Mills
21 Monte Tierra Trail
Montevallo, Alabama 35115
(205) 663-0834

Membership: 450

Organization Focus: The advocacy and education of the importance of adequate education for gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Yearly conference on gifted education; co-sponsor the G/C/T Directions I and II Conferences; produce newsletter to members; area workshops.

Desired Future Activities: More family workshops; leadership workshops for local chapters.

Northwest Alabama Association for Talented and Gifted
P. O. Box 453
Florence, Alabama 35630

Contact: Sandra A. Pierce Until: August, 1981
Rt. 8, Box 115
Florence, Alabama 35630
(205) 767-1263

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 25

Organization Focus: Promote community and educators awareness of the needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Advocacy of special programs in public schools; after school enrichment programs.

Desired Future Activities: Closer relationship with established school programs.

Alaska

Parents for P.A.C.T. (Program for the Academically and Creatively Talented)
547 West 11th
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 279-0971

Contact: Linda McMurtray Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Support legislation on state and federal levels; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Information not reported.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Arkansas

Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

Contact: Martha Ann Jones Until: June 30, 1982
2318 Jefferson
Texarkana, Arkansas 75502

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 96

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; stimulating statewide activities; encouraging development and implementation of educational programs; supporting enactment of legislative programs.

Activities - past and present: Newly formed group.

Desired Future Activities: Assisting in organizing local AGATE affiliates; developing position statements.

Greater Texarkana Association for the Gifted and Talented (GTAGT)
223 East Short 10th Street
Texarkana, Arkansas 75502

Contact: Martha Ann Jones Until: June 30, 1981
2318 Jefferson
Texarkana, Arkansas 75502

Additional Contact: Not reported.

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Support of local school gifted and talented program; community education.

Activities - past and present: Funded special resources for schools' gifted and talented inservices; sponsored workshops, seminars, meetings and classes; resource library; fund raising for numerous activities.

Desired Future Activities: Preschool project.

Arizona

Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented

Contact: Maxine Saperstein
1745 W. Laurie Lane
Phoenix, Arizona 85021
(602) 944-8191

Until: November, 1980

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 949

Organization Focus: To create an environment that accepts the gifted and talented as part of the community and to serve their special needs.

Activities - past and present: Annual conference, promote local chapters, form liaisons with other groups such as the Arizona Education Association.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

California

Daly City Friends of Gifted (DCFOG)
P.O. Box 1124
Daly City, California 94015

Contact: Linda Telles
1084 Wildwood Avenue
Daly City, California 94015

Until: November, 1980

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Provide financial support for local program; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Fund raising; newsletter; encourage community support.

Desired Future Activities: Increasing federal and local financial support.

Fresno Parents for the Gifted and Talented
535 E. San Ramon
Fresno, California 93710
(209) 224-2240

Contact: Ivan H. Rowe

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Better educational opportunities; inclusion of preschool and K-3 children in gifted programs.

Activities - past and present: Increased educational provisions; gifted summer program for preschool - high school.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Gifted Children's Association of Orange County
Box 1118
Garden Grove, California 92642
(714) 998-9173

Contact: Not reported Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 650

Organization Focus: Enrichment and support for the gifted child and family.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment classes for children; parent support classes.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Gifted Children's Association of San Fernando Valley, Inc.
17915 Ventura Blvd., #230
Encino, California 91316
(213) 344-0315

Contact: Heather de la Vega Until: June, 1981
22715 Marlin Place
Canoga Park, California 91307
(213) 346-6575

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 750

Organization Focus: Support of school programs; support of legislation; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment and pilot educational programs; newsletter; participation in local and state advisory groups.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Gifted Children's Association of the Foothills, Inc.
P.O. Box 4132
Covina, California 91723
(213) 339-0886

Contact: Mrs. Karen M. Ezaki Until: June, 1981
129 S. Eileen Avenue
Covina, California 91722

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 375

Organization Focus: Provide extracurricular enrichment classes at local community colleges for gifted students; education of parents.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment classes; line of communication for gifted education legislation in California; educational family field trips.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Gifted Children's Association of West Contra Costa County
P.O. Box 1148
El Cerrito, California 94530

Contact: Ann Moore (Mrs. Sheldon W.) Until: June, 1981
729 Crestview Drive
Pinole, California 94564
(415) 758-4862

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Parent information and communication; improve program; recommend changes in curriculum through Advisory Board.

Activities - past and present: Legislation at state level to continue Gifted programs in schools; parent information.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Orange County Regional Parent Council
5431 Santa Rita
Garden Grove, California 92645
(714) 898-7639

Contact: Laura Kata Until: September, 1980
9062 Veronica Drive
Huntington Beach, California 92646
(714) 968-2780

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; advocacy role; part of state communication network.

Activities - past and present: Developed and supported new gifted legislation; supported local parent activities.

Desired Future Activities: Develop stronger advocacy base in county; promote greater understanding of new legislation among parents; promote growth of quality county and state programs.

Parents Association for Gifted and Talented Education

Contact: Doris Disbrow
2143 E. Olive Avenue
Merced, California 95340
(209) 723-4915

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 150

Organization Focus: Organize parents; provide parent support; plan and implement advocacy activities.

Activities - past and presnet: Made impact on school grant application and plan for gifted program; educated and encourage parents to advocate for their children.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of current school program; enrichment activities (summer school, after school, field trips).

San Francisco Association for Gifted and Talented
P.O. Box 40820
San Francisco, California 94140

Contact: Dr. Ronald Cole Until: March, 1981
181 Yerba Buena Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127
(415) 661-1881

Additional Contact: Mrs. Alberts
300 Edgehill Way
San Francisco, California 94127
(415) 661-3852

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Support for and advocacy of gifted education in San Francisco Unified School District.

Activities - past and present: Responsible for adoption of innovative ideas in education of gifted children.

Desired Future Activities: Courses for parents; summer classes for gifted students.

San Joaquin County Association for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)
4550 Pershing North, Suite H
Stockton, California 95207
(209) 957-0670 or (203) 478-2147

Contact: Mark E. Kusanovich
1239 El Camino
Stockton, California
(209) 957-0670

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Implement and support programs; heighten community awareness.

Activities - past and present: Seminars and meetings for parents and teachers; class for children; advocacy at local and state levels for continuation of MGM programs.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Vallejo Parents for Gifted Children, Inc.
P.O. Box 3271
Vallejo, California 94590

Contact: Dennis Gregor Until: June, 1981
140 Stanmore Court
Vallejo, California 94590
(707) 552-1155

Additional Contact: Gale Collier
327 Manhattan Drive
Vallejo, California 94590
(707) 642-6368

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Support programs and legislation; promote a better understanding of the gifted.

Activities - past and present: Seminars; newsletters; field trips; fund raising.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of current activities.

Colorado

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented
1985 S. Ogden Street
Denver, Colorado 80210

Contact: Elinor Katz Until: May, 1981
University of Denver
Denver, Colorado 80208
(303) 753-2982

Additional Contact: Harry Morgan
1799 S. Flower
Lakewood, Colorado 80226
(303) 985-7948

Membershi;: 150

Organization Focus: Support and advocacy; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; conferences; active support of state legislation.

Desired Future Activities: Regional conferences for gifted education; information dissemination.

Connecticut

Greenwich Association for Gifted Education
P.O. Box 1172
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

Contact: Susan Richardson
67 Bowman Drive
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830
(203) 531-7538

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 45

Organization Focus: Promote effective education for the gifted and talented; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Saturday morning pilot program.

Desired Future Activities: Establishing science center.

Milford Association for Gifted Education

Contact: Patricia Murphy
1001 Naugatuck Avenue
Milford, Connecticut 06460
(203) 878-9880

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Support for parents.

Activities - past and present: Fund raising for materials;participated in statewide gifted fair; help and support parents in understanding the gifted program.

Desired Future Activities: Continued contact with parents and students when they leave the program; increase public awareness of the needs of gifted and talented.

Newton Association for the Gifted and Talented

Contact: Mrs. Lynn Bassett
Lake Road
Newton, connecticut 06470
(203) 426-0460

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 40

Organization Focus: Further educational opportunities for the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Group recently formed. Will become more active this Fall.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of curriculum; advocacy at state and national levels for increased legislation.

PAGE of East Hartford (Parent Adivsors to Gifted Education)
c/o Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cobb
259 Naubac Avenue
East Hartford, Connecticut 06118
(203) 568-0926

Contact: Mrs. Marie L. Edwards
89 Anita Drive
East Hartford, Connecticut 06118
(203) 568-8075

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 500

Organization Focus: Parent/teacher support group to meet the needs of gifted students, both in and out of school.

Activities - past and present: Summer four-week gifted classes (grades 1-8); May Day for gifted students and parents; meetings with panel discussions.

Desired Future Activities: Network of resource people who would be available for students, parents and teachers; Saturday programs.

Parents for a Gifted and Talented Program

Contact: Marie Couglin
59 White Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
(203) 347-8213

Additional Contact: Roberta Pickett
Ridge Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
(203) 347-8213

Membership: 20

Organization Focus: Support of local program for gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Information dissemination; meetings; discussion groups.

Desired Future Activities: More involvement with community; expansion of program.

Western Connecticut Association for the Gifted
10 First Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810
(203) 744-3982

Contact: Sherry Earle Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Steven and Marilyn Borst
10 Stage Road
Brookfield Center, Connecticut 06805
(203) 775-3800

Membership: 70

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; foster peer interaction; parenting.

Activities - past and present: Professionally moderated parent rap sessions; donation of books to libraries; mentors and speakers to area schools; reprints of articles.

Desired Future Activities: Data coordination on a state and national level; leadership conferences.

Georgia

Georgia Supporters for the Gifted - Metro Atlanta Chapter

Contact: Mrs. B.D. Strickland
2735 Old Concord Road
Smyrna, Georgia 30080 (404) 436-3736

Until: October, 1980

Additional Contact: Mrs. Penelope Henritge
2300 Harris Tower
233 Peachtree St., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Support and expand programs for the gifted; information dissemination; secure community resources for the gifted.

Activities - past and present: Meetings with speakers; contacted lawmakers.

Desired Future Activities: Political action; teacher education programs; expand current informational activities.

Gwinnett County Supporters of the Gifted
2408 Highway 324
Buford, Georgia 30518
(404) 945-2033

Contact: Mrs. Jeri Tyler

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Encourage and support county gifted program at all levels.

Activities - past and present: Field trips; purchase of special equipment for gifted students.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Lanier County Association for the Gifted
Lakeland, Georgia

Contact: Janice Daugharty
Rte. 1
Stockton, Georgia 31649
(192) 242-5917

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Nannette Patten
Rte. 2
Lakeland, Georgia 31636

Membership: 40

Organization Focus: Fund raising; curriculum improvement and expansion.

Activities - past and present: Field trips; active in curriculum projects.

Desired Future Activities: Community resources to enhance classroom learning.

The Association for the Gifted - Richmond County
c/o Coordinator, Programs for the Gifted
Curriculum Center
1740 Walton Way
Augusta, Georgia 30904
(404) 733-5575

Contact: Betty Schuster
3132 Ramsgate Road
Augusta, Georgia 30909
(404) 738-5295

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Support local gifted program; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Sponsor field trips; financial support; resource people.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Hawaii

Hawaii Association for Intellectually Gifted Children
P.O. Box 22878
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
(808) 261-4343

Contact: Wanda Porter
47 Puukani Place
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Anne Hayes
47-277C Hui Iwa
Kaneole, Hawaii 96744

Membership: 150

Organization Focus: Advocacy; improvement of public school programs; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Regular meetings with speakers; yearly gifted and talented curriculum fair; mini-courses for children; workshops/ seminars for parents and teachers.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of activities for children; sponsor mentor programs; job-shadowing.

Mensa Hawaii
629-I Piikoi Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
(808) 524-1491

Contact: Irvin K. Sasaki

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 275

Organization Focus: Research and identification of gifted and talented; provide for social contacts among members.

Activities - past and present: State legislation commemorating "Hawaii Gifted and Talented Children's Week"; mini-workshops for students; information dissemination for teachers and parents.

Desired Future Activities: Mentor programs.

Serteens Club of Hawaii
94-1240 Kulawai Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
(808) 488-3891

Contact: Carolyn Char Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: George Carter

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Service; peer association.

Activities - past and present: Monthly program; socials; service project; field trips.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Illinois

Illinois Council for the Gifted

Contact: Joan Corbett
8 Robinhood Court
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60015
(312) 945-7270 or (312) 631-9813

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 950

Organization Focus: Increase awareness of the needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment activities; advocacy for local and federal programs for the gifted; information dissemination.

Desired Future Activities: National networking project.

Indiana

Bartholomew Association for Gifted Education

Contact: Aurelia Conway Until: September, 1981
RR#2, Box 21
Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232
(812) 579-6510

Additional Contact: Suzzette Holmes
1715 Franklin Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201
(812) 376-6033

Membership: 127

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; promote and support programs.

Activities - past and present: Provided enrichment classes; established resource file; supported state legislation.

Desired Future Activities: Educational programs for parents of gifted children.

Central Indiana Association for Gifted Children

Contact: Marcia Allington
3110 Lehigh Court
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268
(317) 291-5779

Until: January, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 170

Organization Focus: Fostering gifted education at local and state levels; enrichment for gifted students; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Educational meetings; summer enrichment programs; active in state legislation for financial support of gifted and talented.

Desired Future Activities: More enrichment programs and legislation activities.

Enrichment, Inc.
RR#2, Box 414E
Anderson, Indiana 46011
(317) 642-2504

Contact: Pat Sites

Until: August, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 250

Organization Focus: Provide programs which stimulate highly able children; support local programs.

Activities - past and present: Teacher and parent workshops; informational meetings; after school enrichment classes.

Desired Future Activities: Workshops; statewide parental group meeting.

Unlimited Potential

Contact: Lou Ellen Donnelly
59320 County Road 3 South
Elkhart, Indiana 46517
(219) 293-5234

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 78

Organization Focus: Promote and provide enrichment; information dissemination; support programs and legislation.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment classes; field trips; workshops for students; inservice workshops for parents and educators.

Desired Future Activities: Legislation.

Iowa

AGATE Parents (Ankeny Gifted and Talented Education)

Contact: Stephen Baker
517 N.E. 9th
Ankeny, Iowa 50021
(515) 964-5916

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 97

Organization Focus: Support local gifted and talented program.

Activities - past and present: Field trips; great books program; information sharing.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

BASE

Contact: Gwen Ihle
200 Linn Street
Slater, Iowa 50244
(515) 685-3163

Until: Summer, 1981

Additional Contact: Mary deBaca
RR
Huxley, Iowa 50124

Membership: 25

Organization Focus: Promotion and expansion of school program for the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Attended workshop on teaching strategies for gifted and talented, initiated special school program for gifted and talented.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of community awareness; greater involvement in school program.

Cedar Rapids Association for Talented and Gifted
1121 - 27th Street, Northeast
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402
(319) 366-5294

Contact: Suzanne Smith

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Advance the education and general welfare of talented and gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Speakers for parents and educators of gifted and talented students; family night activities; project exploring activities with community experts for families.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of current activities; increase the political involvement of membership in gifted and talented issues.

Challenge
Box 208
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
(319) 895-8006

Contact: Sandra Harman Until: January, 1981

Additional Contact: Sharon Hill
610 3rd Ave., N.
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
(319) 895-8644

Membership: 20

Organization Focus: Provide support for parents and teachers; be a visible organization in order that our very existence acts as a reminder of needs in the school system that have not been acknowledged or met.

Activities - past and present: Survey of administrators concerning status of talented and gifted education in our community; support of a federal grant proposal; monthly informational meetings.

Desired Future Activities: Support of inservices for teachers; newsletter; working directly with talented and gifted students.

Denison Area Association for High Potential Children

Contact: Judy Jepsen Until: May, 1981
2411 - 1st Avenue N.
Denison, Iowa 51442
(712) 263-6512

Additional Contact: Same as above

Membership: 42

Organization Focus: To make education more challenging and more fulfilling for our gifted students.

Activities - past and present: Summer Learn-In

Desired Future Activities: Establish a program for gifted children in our schools.

Des Moines for the Talented and Gifted
1830 S.W. Porter
Des Moines, Iowa 50315
(515) 285-1495

Contact: Irving C. Tiffany Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Bill Nelson
1538 S.E. Virginia
Des Moines, Iowa 50320

Membership: 88

Organizaton Focus: Encourage qualitatively differentiated educational programs to meet the unique needs, interests, and abilities of the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Information dissemination; advocacy at local and state levels; provide for grants; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Fund raising to support grant programs; expansion of public awareness and support for the gifted and talented.

Parents and Friends of Talented and Gifted
895 Kelly Lane
Dubuque, Iowa 52001
(319) 556-4281

Contact: Richard C. Arnold Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 25

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; provide unified direction on formal gifted programs.

Activities - past and present: Field trips; interviews with school administrators; school board presentation.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Siouxlanders for Talented and Gifted Children

Contact: Mrs. Nina Anderson Until: May, 1981
3233 Lindenwood
Sioux City, Iowa 51104
(712) 252-0865

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 104

Organization Focus: Stimulate interest in educational programs to meet needs of gifted and talented students.

Activities - past and present: Monthly meetings for parents; summer learn-ins; field trips; creative writing; Spanish Extension clubs; newsletters; speakers bureau.

Desired Future Activities: Encourage school support for TAG programming and funding.

Sprint Sponsors
c/o Sprint House
21st and Prospect
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
(515) 225-2768

Contact: Mrs. Ginger Barry Until: September, 1980
3725 Greenbranch Drive
West Des Moines, Iowa
(515) 225-3063

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Support local program; legislation for funding; community education; fund raising.

Activities - past and present: Organizational, as group was recently formed.

Desired Future Activities: Recruitment and maintenance of active membership.

TriTAG

Contact: Cheryl Larche
1107 North D
Indianola, Iowa 50125
(515) 961-4815

Until: June 1, 1981

Additional Contact: Mr. & Mrs. John Calhoun
800 E. Detroit
Indianola, Iowa 50125
(515) 961-4804

Membership: 20

Organization Focus: For people interested in more adequate education for gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Pilot program for all students to recognize each possibility for identifying himself; hear speakers; aid schools; lending library.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Kansas

Blue Valley Association for the Gifted
P.O. Box 23095
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66223

Contact: Pam Myerson
(913/ 642-7585

Additional Contact: Gary and Connie Hart
12844 Sagamore
Leawood, Kansas 66209
(193) 649-6620

Membership: 66

Organization Focus: Increase community awareness; information dissemination; support local school programs.

Activities - past and present: Saturday workshops; community education.

Desired Future Activities: Workshops to educate parents and community as to valid needs for gifted and talented programs.

Shawnee Mission Association for the Gifted

Contact: Joe Alfred
5549 Foster
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66202
(913) 362-1320

Until: April, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Education of parents; development of opportunities for gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Development of mentor program; advocacy at local and state levels.

Desired Future Activities: College courses for gifted students.

Southeast Association for Gifted Education

Contact: Leona R. Cooper
401 W. Jefferson
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (316) 232-1232

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 22

Organization Focus: To enhance the development of the gifted child.

Activities - past and present: Telescope and planetarium tour; activities emphasizing child leadership.

Desired Future Activities: Junior Great Books.

TAG II - The Topeka Association for the Gifted
P.O. Box 4011
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Contact: Omneya S. Burdzik
2700 West 6th
Topeka, Kansas 66606
(913) 232-1907

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Liying Lee
210 Yorkshire Drive
Topeka, Kansas
(913) 273-1436

Membership: 67

Organization Focus: To support programs for the gifted; encourage identification and appropriate educational experiences for the gifted.

Activities - past and present: Monthly meetings; courses for parents; courses for gifted students.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Louisiana

Association for Gifted and Talented Students
1627 Frankfort Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
(504) 288-3612 or (504) 282-7528

Contact: Kay Coffey

Until: April, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 4,200

Organization Focus: Support of funding and programming for gifted and talented students.

Activities - past and present: Conferences for parents and educators; sponsoring summer mini-courses and Saturday programs; newsletters.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Maryland

Gifted Child Committee
Montgomery County Council of PTAs

Contact: Dr. Maeva Marcus
5600 Harwick Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20016
(301) 320-4219

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 120 schools

Organization Focus: Support of Board of Education policy; education of local school PTAs.

Activities - past and present: Information not reported.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Association for Advancement of Individual Potential, Inc.
Box 65
Milton Village, Massachusetts 02187
(617) 784-5182 or (617) 333-0223

Contact: Clista M.E. Dow
Box 446
18 Paul Revere Rd.
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067
(617) 874-2971

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Nina Greenwald
66 Cheryl Drive
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067

Membership: 300

Organization Focus: Advocacy at local and state levels; informational services; professional development; services for students.

Activities - past and present: Conferences; informational meetings; awareness via television, radio and press.

Desired Future Activities: Networking with other advocacy groups.

Michigan

Bloomfield Hills Association for Gifted and Talented
P.O. Box 211
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013
(313) 851-5949

Contact: Susan Ewing and Patience Beer
6225 Worlington
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Brenda and Charles McDonald
(313) 855-2093

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Monitor school program for gifted students; educate parents, teachers and administrators.

Activities - past and present: Representative meets with teacher group on a monthly basis; meetings.

Desired Future Activities: Improving communication among schools in district; communicating with other groups interested in gifted education.

Dearborn Association for the Academically Talented
854 North Gulley Road
Dearborn, Michigan 48128
(313) 278-0705

Contact: Patricia Willis Until: September, 1980

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 25

Organization Focus: Advocate gifted education to legislators and public school system; encourage development of local school gifted program.

Activities - past and present: Summer classes; educational meetings; work with local schools.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of activities with local school program; expansion of advocacy activities.

East Detroit Council for Talented Students
24625 Raven
East Detroit, Michigan 48021
(313) 774-5132

Contact: Nancy Salafia Until: April, 1981
24833 Wilmot
East Detroit, Michigan 48021

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Clearinghouse for information to promote an active interest among school administrators and parents.

Activities - past and present: Developed a screening program; started a pilot gifted program.

Desired Future Activities: Improvement of curriculum in middle schools.

Fenton Association for Gifted Children
636 Whispering Winds Trail
Fenton, Michigan 48430

Contact: Jean Walker
(313) 629-0276

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Create awareness among teachers, administrators and parents regarding needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment program; field trips; speakers; assisted in formation of other parent groups.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Genesee County Association for the Academically Talented
1401 N. Center Road
Flint, Michigan 48506
(313) 742-9641

Contact: Jerome J. Svolbert Until: September, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Create awareness of gifted and creative child and his special needs; parent education; encourage and support local school program.

Activities - past and present: Meetings; provided speakers for other groups.

Desired Future Activities: Exchange information with other groups; start a newsletter.

Kent County Association for the Gifted and Talented
P.O. Box 6201
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506
(616) 245-1665 or 245-2203

Contact: Katy Lux Until: May, 1981
927 Iroquois S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Additional Contact: Marva Brummeler
1010 Griswold S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507
(616) 452-2007

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Create public awareness of the needs of gifted and talented children; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Yearly county conferences; public meetings; sponsor speakers.

Desired Future Activities: Conference for children.

Livonia Association for the Academically Talented
31800 Balmoral Drive
Livonia, Michigan 48154

Contact: Helen M. Oppat Until: August 31, 1981
31800 Balmoral Drive
Livonia, Michigan 48154
(313) 427-1457

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 65

Organization Focus: Promote proper education for gifted and talented children and adults. To share concerns regarding the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Meetings with legislators to enact legislation for gifted education; liaisons between administrators and community.

Desired Future Activities: Continuing the same.

Macomb County Association for the Academically Talented
P.O. Box 266
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48077

Contact: Carol Bartley Until: June, 1981
21025 Michael Court
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081
(313) 776-5025

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 250

Organization Focus: Educate parents [illegible]te for gifted programs.

Activities - past and present: Support legislation; co-sponsored college courses; logo contest.

Desired Future Activities: Undetermined at this time.

Michigan Association for the Academically Talented, Inc.
29976 Hennepin
Garden City, Michigan 48135
(313) 427-2188

Contact: Nancy Skinner Until: September, 1980

Additional Contact: Ronald Hoogerwerf
5826 Grand River
Ada, Michigan 49301
(616) 676-9001

Membership: 500 +

Organization Focus: Assisting affiliate groups to work within their own school district for gifted and talented; encouraging appropriate legislation at state and federal levels.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; conferences.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Millington Association for Talented and Gifted (MATAG)
8877 Center Road
Fostoria, Michigan 48435
(517) 795-2321

Contact: Lynda Leix Until: April, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 14

Organization Focus: Promote activities in the school and community for gifted and talented children.

Activities - past and present: Active in school pull out program (K-3); afterschool enrichment; materials for classroom games.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Mona Shores Association for Talented and Gifted

Contact: Joanne F. Cochrane
3652 McCracken
Muskegon, Michigan 49441
(616) 780-3539

Until: Summer, 1980

Additional Contact: Mrs. Janice Briggs
2504 Hathaway Court
Muskegon, Michigan 49441
(616) 680-2244

Membership: 7

Organization Focus: Advocacy for more and better gifted and talented programs in schools.

Activities - past and present: Information not reported.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Monroe County Council for High Potential Youth

Contact: Barbara Pursley
5327 Aimy Drive
Monroe, Michigan 48161
(313) 242-7894

Until: May 1981

Additional Contact: Carmen Golden

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: To develop and emphasize gifted education in Monroe County.

Activities: Past and present. Summer Enrichment Programs, Super Saturdays, College for Kids, Summer Field Trips.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Plymouth Canton Association for the Academically Talented
47237 Beechcrest Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313) 455-0794

Contact: Louise Townley

Until: June, 1980

Additional Contact: Marjorie Croll
39591 Birchwood
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313) 453-1038

Membership: 55

Organization Focus: Local advocacy of special programs for gifted students in public schools; teacher training in gifted education.

Activities - past and present: Involvement in local TAG Advisory Committee and school board; monthly information meetings for parents, teachers and administrators.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Royal Oak Association for the Academically Talented
3013 Vinsetta Blvd.
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073
(313) 583-1375

Contact: George and Mary REtelle Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Promote education for the gifted.

Activities - past and present: Monthly meetings; hobby fairs, gaming sessions; presentations to board of education regarding current school program.

Desired Future Activities: Form study groups to help parents understand the educational programs for the gifted.

Warren Consolidated Association for the Academically Talented
2098 Hempstead
Troy, Michigan 48084
(313) 689-3350

Contact: Terry Merrick Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 115

Organization Focus: Inform and unify parents of gifted and talented children in our district.

Activities - past and present: Conducted needs assessment survey; supported active gifted summer program including academic and talent evaluations.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Warren Woods Association for the Academically Talented and Gifted
27480 Shackett
Warren, Michigan 48093
(313) 754-7542

Contact: Mrs. Mary Ann Gray

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 28

Organization Focus: Create an awareness of the special needs of the gifted and talented; encourage new programs; work for favorable legislation for more funding at the state and federal levels.

Activities - past and present: Speakers; K-1 screening; advisory committee for AT & G.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of advocacy activities at state and federal levels.

Wayne Westland Association for the Academically Talented
32307 Birchwood
Westland, Michigan 48185
(313) 326-8211

Contact: Debbie Hill Until: August, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Self-help and community service organization; information dissemination; support parents and educators; share and publicize the good things that are happening in our district.

Activities - past and present: Annual summer picnic for children in the summer program; games and tournaments; science fair.

Desired Future Activities: Getting a full-time consultant within the school system.

Minnesota

Minnesota Council for Gifted and Talented
P.O. Box 123
Hamline University
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Contact: Betty Johnson
12814 March Circle
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343
(612) 544-6979 or 933-9192

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 600

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; provide better programs for gifted and talented children.

Activities - past and present: Sponsorship of annual state conference; establishment of local chapters.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Mississippi

Mississippi Association for Talented and Gifted
900 Live Oak Drive
Clinton, Mississippi 39056

Contact: Jean Prather Until: December 1981
900 Live Oak Drive
Clinton, MS 39056

Additional Contact: JoAnne Welch
964 South Church
Brookhaven, MS 39601

Membership: 250 +

Organization Focus: To assist affiliate groups to provide community support for talented and gifted programs in their area: to encourage appropriate legislation at the state and federal levels.

Activities - Quarterly newsletter: Annual convention: Annual statewide children's workshop.

Missouri

Columbia Support Group for the Gifted and Talented
305 Manor Drive
Columbia, Missouri 65201
(314) 445-6305

Contact: Dr. E. K. Chippendale

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 10

Organization Focus: Parent awareness and education; support for newly established local gifted and talented program.

Activities - past and present: Newly organized. Currently involved in writing a charter and membership campaign.

Desired Future Activities: Expanding present program; helping parents work with their child at home.

Gifted Association of Missouri
Drury College
Springfield, Missouri 65802
(417) 865-8731 x260 or 271

Contact: Dr. Dee Wyckoff Until: 1982
4807 S. Glenn
Springfield, Missouri 65807
(417) 882-2346

Additional Contact: Mrs. DeDe Smith
2237 E. Rosebrier
Springfield, Missouri 65807
(417) 881-0382

Membership: 3,000

Organization Focus: Support legislation for funding gifted programs.

Activities - past and present: Working on Governors' Honors Program for gifted secondary school students.

Desired Future Activities: Further identification in area of disadvantaged gifted, minority gifted, and handicapped gifted.

Kansas City Area Association for the Gifted and Talented Inc.
210 W. 66th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64113
(816) 444-9151

Contact: Sharon M. Ward Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Linda Swain
2539 W. 90th St.
Leawood, Kansas 66206
(193) 341-6414

Membership: 400

Organization Focus: Advocacy for state mandate; parent support group; public education and awareness of gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Summer classes; Saturday seminars.

Desired Future Activities: State mandate in Missouri.

St. Louis Advocates for Gifted Education
Kirkwood School District
1110 S. Glenwood Lane
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122
(314) 966-5700

Contact: Julie Bradbury/Carolyn Schwarze

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 230

Organization Focus: Communication; research and resources; advocacy; education.

Activities - past and present: Newly formed. Have held informational meetings.

Desired Future Activities: Advocacy.

Southwest Missouri Association for the Gifted and Talented
2237 Rosebrier
Springfield, Missouri 65804
(417) 881-0382

Contact: Mercedes Smith Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 75

Organizatqon Focus: Information dissemination; promote implementation of programs; support enrichment activities.

Activities - past and present: Assistance for existing programs; information for parents; speakers at meetings for parents and teachers.

Desired Future Activities: Summer enrichment program; expansion of parental support; lobbying at state level for better standards for programs and teachers.

Montana

Montana AGATE
154 Many Lakes Drive
Kalispell, Montana 59901
(406) 257-1933 or 755-800 or 755-5015

Contact: Gail Hanninen Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Fran McDermont
3147 Marguerite Blvd.
Billings, Montana 59101

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Support appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented children; information dissemination; seek public support for and recognition of gifted and talented children's special educational needs.

Activities - past and present: Newly formed. Plan to be instrumental in appropriations legislation.

Desired Future Activities: Undecided at this time.

Nebraska

Nebraska Association for the Gifted
1805 South Blaine
Grand Island, Nebraska 68801
(308) 384-8377 or 382-4467

Contact: Ed Virant Until: February, 1981

Additional Contact: Penny Rehberg
13747 F Street
Millard, Nebraska 68137
(402) 895-8313

Membership: 500

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; encourage promotion of legislation; create awareness of needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Conference; newsletter; co-sponsored National Future Problem Solving; sponsored scholarships; provided materials for schools.

Desired Future Activities: Summer conference for gifted and talented students.

PEGS (People for Education of Gifted Students)
314 South 51st Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68132
(402) 553-3144

Contact: Kay Corell Until: June, 1981
(402) 493-2479
4510 Eastridge Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68134

Additional Contact: Patty Deden

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Support the improvement of educational opportunities for gifted and talented children.

Activities - past and present: Public awareness programs; discussion groups for parents; information packets; summer camp.

Desired Future Activities: Saturday and summer classes; workshops for parents; obtaining foundation money for programs, scholarships and awards.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Support Association for Gifted Education
339 Boston Post Road
Amherst, New Hampshire 03031
(603) 673-0083

Contact: Peg McLean Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 75

Organization Focus: Increase opportunities for gifted children to reach their potential; education of parents and teachers; public awareness.

Activities - past and present: Games Day; math program; cultural series; geo-dig; inside visits to museums, plays, symphony rehearsals; historical studies.

Desired Future Activities: Saturday enrichment activities; summer school; state chess clubs.

New Jersey

Challenges, Inc.
32 Lake Shore Drive
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866
(201) 625-0276 or 625-1816

Contact: Betsy Blume

Additional Contact: Mrs. Terry Duvel
Pleasant Hill Road
R.D. Box 149C
Flanders, New Jersey 07836
(201) 584-3239

Membership: 100+

Organization Focus: Student workshops; counseling program; parent and teacher workshops.

Activities - past and present: Saturday morning programs.

Desired Future Activities: Computer building and programming by students; theatre arts; students' mentorships.

GATEways (Gifted and Talented Education Ways)
P.O. Box 280
Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927
(201) 335-8720

Contact: Cynthia Kestenbaum Until: July, 1982
25 Ferndale Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 148

Organization Focus: Develop an awareness of special programming needs of the gifted and talented of Northwest New Jersey; provide channels of communication between parents and educators; organize a community information center for materials pertaining to the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Saturday workshop for gifted and talented children; workshops for parents.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Gifted Child Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 120
Oakland, New Jersey 07436
(201) 337-7058

Contact: Dr. Donald Maiocco Until: January, 1981
Board of Education
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

Additional Contact: Gina Ginsberg-Riggs
P.O. Box 120
Oakland, New Jersey 07436
(201) 337-7058

Membership: 3,0-0

Organization Focus: Provide educational enrichment; assist parents; train educators; seek public awareness.

Activities - past and present: Saturday workshops; educator workshops; information dissemination.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of advocacy role.

South Jersey Association for the Gifted
207 Delsea Drive (Rt. 47)
RD #4, Box 209
Sewell, New Jersey 08080
(609) 228-6000

Contact: Robert Andrews
3243 Tenby Chase Apts.
Delran, New Jersey 08075
(609) 461-7614

Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 355

Organization Focus: Improve quality of gifted education; support state and federal legislation for funding for more gifted and talented programs.

Activities - past and present: Conferences for parents; Saturday workshops for children; individual and group consulting with parents of gifted students.

Desired Future Activities: Turnkey training of parents in all areas of gifted and talented programming; networking and advocacy building.

QUEST

Contact: Jayne M. McKenny
6 LaMalfa Road
Randolph, New Jersey 01869
(201) 361-3354

Until: January 1981

Additional Contact: Joyce Shefel

Membership: 90

Organization Focus: To serve as a support group for parents and friends of the gifted and talented, and to advocate for the gifted and talented in the local area as well as the state as a whole.

Activities: Attend workshops and state convocations, consult with state and regional coordinators of the gifted and talented.

Desired Future Activities: To continue to provide the support to parents who are dealing with the problems and successes of having a gifted child.

New Mexico

Albuquerque Association for Gifted and Talented Students
8610 La Sala del Norte, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111
(505) 294-1688

Contact: Mrs. Pat Rubenstein
8610 La Sala del Norte, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111
(505) 294-1688

Until: July, 1981

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 150

Organization Focus: To encourage the identification of and fully develop gifted and talented students; work with schools toward enrichment of students; promote and support legislation and funding.

Activities - past and present: Supported state and national legislation for gifted and talented; developed proposal for education of gifted/talented in Albuquerque public schools; speakers; newsletter; resource directory for teachers of the gifted; bibliographies of publications relating to the gifted and talented.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported

Carlsbad Association for Development of Gifted and Talented
Carlsbad Municipal Schools
408 N. Canyon Street
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
(505) 887-2821

Contact: Linda Aycock

Additional Contact: Dr. William Pike
Rt. 1, Box 184-C
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Encourage identification by the schools of all gifted and talented students; develop Carlsbad's program for gifted and talented students; educate parents; promote and support legislation and funding.

Activities - past and present: Information not reported.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Society for Development of Gifted and Talented
1301 Sunset S.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105
(505) 877-2001

Contact: Jean Rodgers Until: September, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 250

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; guidance for parents; enrichment workshops for children.

Activities - past and present: Meetings and workshops for parents; workshops for children.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of workshops; special schools for gifted and talented; more political involvement on local and national levels.

New York

AGATE (Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education)
Dingman Point
Alexandria Bay, New York 13607
(315) 482-9776

Contact: Dr. Virginia Ehrlich Until: September, 1981
23 Wilder Road
Suffern, New York 10901
(914) 354-7497

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 289

Organization Focus: Promoting education of the gifted in New York State; promoting local organizations; assisting schools, parent groups and teachers.

Activities - past and present: Conducted three statewide conferences and nine regional workshops; newsletters; consulted with state legislature in forming proposed legislation for the gifted in New York State.

Desired Future Activities: Developing a closer relationship with CEC and other TAG affiliates.

Genesee Valley Gifted Education Team
1100 Meigs Street
Rochester, New York
(716) 271-2720

Contact: Mrs. Jane G. Lipman

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 125

Organization Focus: To promote the cause of education for gifted and talented of the Genesee Valley area.

Activities - past and present: Serves as liaison group to local school districts seeking differentiated programs for gifted children; speakers and consultants.

Desired Future Activities: To become affiliated with "Agate" at the state level. Strive for legislation for proper funding for gifted students; provide conferences with nationally known advocates of gifted education; provide speakers bureau; newsletter; educate community to special needs of the gifted.

Lakeland Association for the Gifted and Talented
P. O. Box 394
Shrub Oak, New York 10588

Contacts: Sharon Edelstein and Suzanne Sadofsky Until: May, 1982
P. O. Box 394
Shrub Oak, New York 10588

Additional Contact: Information not reported

Membership: 250

Organization Focus: To work for a program within local district which adequately meets the needs of gifted students.

Activities - past and present: Operate independent programs for parents and students including guest speakers, rap sessions with psychologists and trips of interest to both. Work closely with school board to expand and improve the gifted program.

Desired Future Activities: Inservice training for regular classroom teachers; advocate legislation for gifted on state level.

New York State Association for the Gifted and Talented
P.O. Box 301
Valley Stream, New York 11580

Contact: Bernie Ellie Until: 1983
628 Golf Drive
N. Woodmere, New York 11581
(516) 791-3732

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Establish public and private school programs for gifted children; establish advocacy groups.

Activities - past and present: Lobbying for funds; meetings and workshops on gifted education.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

New York State Council of School District Administrators
111 Washington Avenue, Suite 404
Albany, New York 12210
(518) 449-1063

Contact: Dr. John P. Connolly
Superintendent of Schools
Ramapo Central School
Mountain Avenue
Hillburn, New York 10931
(914) 357-7783

Until: October, 1981

Additional Contact: Dr. Fritz Hess
Superintendent of Schools
East Syracuse-Minoa Central School
Fremont Road
East Syracuse, New York 13057
(315) 656-7201

Membership: 650

Organization Focus: Promotion of public education

Activities - past and present: Part of consortium of Council of Gifted & Talented.

Desired Future Activities: Any of above.

People Advocating Gifted Education - PAGE
P. O. Box 324
Manlius, New York 13104
(315) 682-7726

Contact: Patricia Davies
8084 E. Seneca Turnpike
Manlius, New York 13104
(315) 682-7726

Until: May 31, 1981

Additional Contact: Robert O. Brown
101 Gifford Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13214
(315) 446-1677 H (315) 425-4595 O

Membership: 60

Organization Focus: Information on local programs; support of local programs; information on legislation; liaison between districts and parents.

Activities - past and present: Summer programs; field trips.

Desired Future Activities: Coordinating a workshop for parents with community college, also a summer program.

Queens Association for the Education of Exceptionally Gifted Children, Inc.

Contact: Margy B. McCreary
111-30 198 St.
Hollis, New York 11412
(212) 465-0950

Until: June 1982

Additional Contact: Aileen Bond

Membership: 350

Organization Focus: Educational Enrichment

Activities - past and present: Information not reported.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Rockland County National Association for Gifted Children
76 Hall Avenue
New City, New York 10956
(914) 634-6246

Contact: Jill S. Pryor
76 Hall Avenue
New City, New York 10956
(914) 638-0118

Additional Contact: Information not reported.

Membership: 200 +

Organization Focus: Advocacy of differentiated gifted/talented education in public and private schools.

Activities - past and present: Educating the public through prominent speakers in education and government; parent education; activities for children; service on school district committees; supported legislation.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Sirius
28 Summit Terrace
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522
(914) 693-3081

Contact: Rima Laibow

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: New organization

Organization Focus: Develop a functioning network of contact, support, resources, and ideas for parents of gifted students.

Activities - past and present: Currently developing a child network, a family network and a research program; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Society for Gifted and Talented Children
Box 589
Merrick, New York 11566

Contact: Betty Bogart Until: October, 1981
80-22 Little Neck Parkway
Floral Park, New York 11004
(212) 347-7706

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 270

Organization Focus: Advocate for education and welfare of gifted and talented children.

Activities - past and present: Teacher/parent sharing activities; workshops; conferences; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Legislation for education of the gifted; resource materials for parents and educators.

North Carolina

Parents for the Advancement of Gifted Education (PAGE) - Wake County Chapter
Meredith College
Box E-137
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Contact: Patricia S. Ball Until: June, 1981
1205 Buckingham Road
Garner, North Carolina 27529
(919) 779-1638

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Promote education for gifted in public schools; educate parents, teachers and elected officials as to the needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Sponsors "Saturday Morning Program"; maintains communication with school system; information dissemination.

Desired Future Activities: More direct encouragement to gifted students.

North Dakota

Grand Forks Association for Gifted Education
1720 Drees Drive
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201
(701) 772-2690

Contact: Mary Larson Until: January, 1981

Additional Contact: Linda Schobert
2250 Springbrook Court
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201
(701) 775-4989

Membership: 40

Organization Focus: Support local school program; education of parents and teachers; public awareness.

Activities - past and present: Computer mini-course; initiated action with school board to provide resource room and teacher for gifted and talented students.

Desired Future Activities: Workshops and conferences for parents and youths; science projects; foreign language program.

Williston North Dakota Parents Support System

Contact: Steve and Sandy Hughes
1214 Hillcourt
Williston, North Dakota 58801
(701) 572-6541

Additional Contact: Jerry and Dawn Rustad
(701) 572-2065

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Advocacy group with emphasis on supporting and expanding local programs.

Activities - past and present: Lobbying for gifted education at state legislation.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Ohio

Central Ohio Association for Gifted Children
5433 Sharon Park Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43214
(614) 888-8860

Contact: Barbara Pulfer Until: July, 1982
160 Walcreek Drive
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
(614) 475-4169

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 125

Organization Focus: Parent education; public awareness of needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Legislative work; monthly parent meetings; family activities; participation in OAGC workshops.

Desired Future Activities: More parent involvement.

GATEway Association
c/o Anita Kirshen
Baker Middle School
400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Marion, Ohio 43302
(614) 387-3300, ext. 231

Contact: Mrs. Judith Schmidt Until: June, 1981
(614) 387-9318

Additional Contact: Tom Smart
(614) 387-3629

Membership: 80

Organization Focus: Support group for local gifted program; promote gifted education in community.

Activities - past and present: Newly formed group.

Desired Future Activities: Saturday and summer programs; mentorships.

Lorain County Association for Gifted and Talented
42571 Grandview Drive
Elyria, Ohio 44035
(216) 324-6168

Contact: Patricia Dugan Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 15

Organization Focus: Promote gifted classes in public schools.

Activities - past and present: Provided impetus for "College for Kids" at local community college; active in legislation for funding of gifted and talented programs.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Mahoning County Association for Talented and Gifted Children
3755 Barber Drive
Canfield, Ohio 44406
(216) 533-7573

Contact: Paulette Pannozzo

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 24

Organization Focus: Information dissemination; advisory group for local school district.

Activities - past and present: After school enrichment classes.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of enrichment activities.

Pipeline for Gifted and Talented
151 Claremont Drive
Brunswick, Ohio 44212
(216) 225-6239

Contact: Maxine Villwock Until: March, 1981

Additional Contact: Ken Jenkins
1652 Devonshire Drive
Brunswick, Ohio 44212
(216) 273-2509

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Active in local school program; talent show; mini-courses for students; speakers for parent meetings; newsletter; field trips; family outings; grants for teachers; advocacy on state and federal levels.

Desired Future Activities: Scholarships for gifted students.

Strongsville Association for Gifted and Talented

Contact: Mr. David Kneisley Until: June, 1981
20278 Carlyle Drive
Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (216) 238-6711

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Coordinate a community enrichment program called SAGT Super Series; support local gifted programs; educate community to special needs and problems of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: SAGT Super Series; regular meetings with professionals in all fields; compiling book lists and community cultural interest sheets; fund raising; field trips; sent teachers to workshops; letter writing campaigns.

Desired Future Activities: More active in present activities; political involvement at state and national levels.

Willoughby-Eastlake Association for the Gifted and Talented

Contact: Mrs. Claudia Pawlak Until: October, 1980
4917 Shankland
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
(216) 942-4748

Additional Contact: Robert Kerber
36117 Hillcrest Drive
Eastlake, Ohio 44094
(216) 946-3898

Membership: 50-75

Organization Focus: Advocate for gifted education; serve as resource group.

Activities - past and present: Field trips; wine and cheese party to benefit Systems Program.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Rhode Island

National Foundation for Gifted and Creative Children
395 Diamond Hill Road
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(401) 737-0180

Contact: John E. Friedel

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 1,000

Organization Focus: Counseling of parents and children; providing alternate educational environments; testing; active in courts on behalf of gifted and talented students.

Activities - past and present: Information dissemination; newsletter; speakers; lectures.

Desired Future Activities: Publication of data accumulated over past 17 years, such as case histories and community involvement.

South Dakota

Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

Contact: Kathleen A. Johnson Until: December, 1980
1707 South Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105
(605) 334-9752

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 30

Organization Focus: Provide resources and mutual support to parents of gifted children; encourage development of educational opportunities for gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Active in securing local school program for gifted elementary students.

Desired Future Activities: Newsletter; expansion of support to parents.

Task Force for Gifted, Talented and Intellectual Children
1 South Broadway
Watertown, South Dakota 57201
(605) 886-5814

Contact: Charlene Cage
RR3
Watertown, South Dakota 57201
(605) 886-8983

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 6

Organization Focus: Support school board in developing and implementing a challenging program through the schools.

Activities - past and present: Active in pursuing testing for gifted students.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Tennessee

Association for Talented and and Gifted
3942 Woodlawn Drive
Nashville, Tennessee
(615) 32204962 or 298-3010

Contact: Marilyn Doyle

Additional Contact: Mary Vance
6328 Laurelwood Drive
Brentwood, Tennessee
(615) 373-4170

Membership: 300+

Organization Focus: Understanding the needs of gifted; parent support; information sharing; lobbying.

Activities - past and present: Lobbying on state level; attempts at starting summer program; meetings with speakers on various topics of interest.

Desired Future Activities: Work to improve school programs; top-notch summer program.

Texas

Bay Area Association for Gifted and Talented
18101 Walnut
Webster, Texas 77598
(713) 332-8213

Contact: Dr. Norma Button
4509 S. Flamingo
Seabrook, Texas 77586
(713) 474-2321

Until: January, 1981

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 100+

Organizatin Focus: Parents and educators working together for the mutual benefit of gifted and talented children.

Activities - past and present: Parent meetings; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Birdville Association for Gifted and Talented
6125 E. Belknap Street
Forth Worth, Texas 76101
(817) 831-0951

Contact: Judy G. Horstman
6309 Greencastle Court
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Serves as a unifying catalyst among institutions that benefit gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Encouraging and promoting gifted and talented programs in local schools.

Desired Future Activities: Communications.

East Texas Association for the Gifted
Department of Special Services
University of Texas at Tyler
Tyler, Texas 75701
(214) 566-1471, ext. 243

Contact: Dr. Rita Bryant

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Increase awareness and involvement of parents, citizens and educators in an eleven county area.

Activities - past and present: Conferences; seminars; workshops; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Summer and Saturday programs for gifted and talented students.

Gifted Students Institute
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1119
Arlington, Texas 76012
(817) 265-7143

Contact: Dr. Ann McGee-Cooper
4236 Hockaday
Dallas, Texas 75229
(214) 357-4268

Until: December, 1980

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 511

Organization Focus: Improve educational experiences of gifted and talented students, preschool through secondary.

Activities - past and present: Parenting seminars; helped organize state advocacy group; residential programs on college campuses for students ages 10-18.

Desired Future Activities: Work with a few carefully selected schools to develop model programs for the gifted.

Houston Area Association for the Gifted and Talented
7611 Fernbrook
Houston, Texas 77070
(713) 469-2307

Contact: Robert Durham

Until: December, 1980

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 65

Organization Focus: Parent education; increase public awareness of needs of gifted and talented students.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; parent workshop; guest speakers; puppet and computer workshops.

Desired Future Activities: More children's programs; foreign language mini-courses.

Rio Grande Valley Association for Gifted and Talented Children
Region One Esc.
1900 W. Schunior
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(512) 383-5611, ext. 162

Contact: Dr. Kay Walther
933 Fairway
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(512) 383-8708

Until: October, 1981

Additional Contact: Ms. Marllu Sturgis
106 Live Oak
Weslaco, Texas 78596
(512) 968-7946

Membership: 53

Organization Focus: Getting programs in local schools and support groups for parents.

Activities - past and present: Monthly newsletters; Super Saturdays for members' children; quarterly meetings; specific help when requested.

Desired Future Activities: More service to students and public awareness of the need to address the demands of giftedness.

Richardson Association for Gifted & Talented, Inc.
9411 Hunters Creek
Dallas, Texas 75243
(214) 341-6507

Contact: Mrs. Minnie Champ
9411 Hunters Creek
Dallas, Texas 75243
(214) 341-6507

Until: May 31, 1981

Additional Contact: Mrs. Liz Owens
7704 Turnberry Lane
Dallas, Texas 75248
(214) 239-0506

Membership: 400+

Organization Focus: Provide enrichment activities and push for gifted and talented programs K-12 in local school district.

Activities - past and present: Mini-courses; Discovery Days (concurrent courses for K-12); children's newsletters; monthly newsletters

Desired Future Activities: Funding efforts at state level; involvement in national advocacy efforts

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San Antonio Association for Gifted and Talented Children
P.O. Box 5340
San Antonio, Texas 78201
(512) 680-1238

Contact: Martin L. Meltz
8418 Timber Crest
San Antonio, Texas 78250
(512) 680-1238 or (512) 691-7251

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Ms. Jerron Adams
3015 Nantucket
San Antonio, Texas 78230
(512) 696-4619

Membership: 100

Organization Focus: Establishment of local school programs for gifted and talented students.

Activities - past and present: Established ad hoc parent groups; represented group at school board meetings; speakers at meetings; meetings to increase communication between parents and teachers.

Desired Future Activities: National effort emphasizing potential of the gifted.

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1119
Arlington, Texas 76011
(817) 265-7143

Contact: Mr. Phillip Gonzalez
1301 E. Cherrystone
Corpus Christi, Texas
(512) 992-3336

Until: January, 1981

Additional Contact: Mrs. Judy Judy
P.O. Box 805
Temple, Texas 76501
(817) 780-2144

Membership: 425

Organization Focus: Promote education of the gifted and talented students; encourage new activities.

Activities - past and present: Sponsored an evening's program for legislators which included dinner, entertainment by gifted students and sharing of information; annual conferences.

Desired Future Activities: Advocacy of legislation at state and national levels.

Vermont

SAGE (State Association for Gifted Education in Vermont)
Box 79A, RD#2
Vergennes, Vermont 05401
(802) 877-2484

Contact: Kathy Dates
6 Oakridge Road
Colchester, Vermont 05446
(802) 658-4945

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Awareness; information clearinghouse; legislative advocacy.

Activities - past and present: Statewide workshops; legislative action; mini-courses.

Desired Future Activities: Permanent mini-courses; advocacy at state and federal levels for increased appropriations for school programs.

Virginia

Bristol Junior League
Drawer C
Bristol, Virginia 24201
(703) 764-5527

Contact: Julie King Until: April, 1981
747 7th Avenue
Bristol, Tennessee 37620
(615) 764-5527

Additional Contact: Pat Lawson
Sparkling Brook Drive
Bristol, Tennessee
(615) 764-9614

Membership: 150

Organization Focus: Civic work

Activities - past and present: Information not reported

Desired Future Activities: Activating legislation for state of Tennessee - provisions for the gifted.

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted
P.O. Box 186
Merrifield, Virginia 22116
(703) 560-7020

Contact: Marlene W. Blum Until: May, 1981
2417 Luckett Avenue
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 400

Organization Focus: Encourage cooperation and communication among parents, teachers and administrators in local gifted and talented programs; information dissemination; create public awareness of needs of gifted children.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; meetings for parents and teachers; sponsor Fragments, a literary magazine written, illustrated and edited by local students; serve as liaison and source for local school system and parents.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

P.E.G., Inc. (Program for the Enrichment of the Gifted, Inc.)
P.O. Box 1687
Manassas, Virginia 22110

Contact: Pat Cusey Until: May, 1981
7554 Remington Road
Manassas, Virginia 22110
(703) 361-1820

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 200

Organization Focus: Support programs in public and private schools; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Periodic classes for gifted and talented students; public information forums; activities and field trips for students; maintain scholarship fund for students, educators and institutions.

Desired Future Activities: Conference for parents about giftedness; more of a catalyst role in facilitating opportunities for gifted youth in schools; find a vehicle which would provide an outlet for "products" of gifted children.

S.E.E. (Supporters of Educational Excellence)
153 Stonewall Heights
Abingdon, Virginia 24210
(703) 628-6581

Contact: Mrs. Sylvia B. White Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Mrs. Jean Luker
216 Stonewall Heights
Abingdon, Virginia
(703) 628-5063

Membership: 200-300

Organization Focus: Support local gifted and talented program; parent advocacy for excellence in education; seek funding.

Activities - past and present: Actively lobbied for increased funding; met with local school administrators for more emphasis on gifted education; publish calendar of events for gifted and talented students; established section in local library for books on gifted and talented education.

Desired Future Activities: After school program; expansion of lobbying efforts; help form other parent groups.

SEEK (Supporters of Enriched Education and Knowledge)
109 Spottswood Place
Marion, Virginia 24354
(703) 783-6374

Contact: Mary Ruth Hawkins

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 45

Organization Focus: Disseminate information; support local schools in organizing gifted and talented programs; reach disadvantaged gifted and talented students and involve them in future programs.

Activities - past and present: Sponsored summer enrichment program.

Desired Future Activities: After school and summer enrichment programs; organizing and utilizing community resource people.

V.A.E.G. (Virginia Association for the Education of the Gifted)
P.O. Box 34621
AMPT Hill Branch
Richmond, Virginia 23234

Contact: Dr. Esther Goldman
524 Butterworth Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23505
(804) 423-0775

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Mrs. Sylvia B. White
153 Stonewall Heights
Abingdon, Virginia 24210
(703) 628-6581

Membership: 500+

Organization Focus: Improve education of gifted persons; disseminate information; support research and scholarly investigation; encourage specialized preparation for educators; encourage increased support for the gifted at local and state levels.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; lobbying before General Assembly.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of lobbying efforts and information dissemination.

Washington

Northwest Gifted Child Association
P. O. Box 1226
Bellevue, Washington 98009
(206) 453-1007

Contact: Merle Dingfield

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Margie Giordano
P. O. Box 1226
Bellevue, Washington 98009
(206) 453-1007

Membership: 800

Organization Focus: Advocacy and reference

Activities - past and present: Issues forums, conferences, curriculum conferences, legislative efforts

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

West Virginia

Kanawha County Association for Gifted Children

Contact: Jonathan Kurland
1617 Kirklee Road
Charleston, West Virginia 25314
(304) 744-8060 or 747-5952

Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Marilyn Fletcher
2120 Weberwood Drive
S. Charleston, West Virginia 25303
(304) 344-3798

Membership: 250-300

Organization Focus: Advocacy for gifted program.

Activities - past and present: Workshops for parents; lobbying at local and state levels for quality and quantity in gifted programs.

Desired Future Activities: Summer camps and seminars for students.

Wisconsin

Eau Claire Area Association for High Potential Children, Inc.
1912 Statz Avenue - Route 1
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701
(715) 832-9298

Contact: Russell O. Hess, III, M.D. Until: October, 1980
2035 Lehman Street
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701
(715) 832-8277

Additional Contact: Carole L. Green

Membership: 320

Organization Focus: Supplement traditional school program for students ages 3-17.

Activities - past and present: Accelerated math and foreign language programs; art, drama, math and science institutes; preschool program.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Greenfield Citizens for the Gifted and Talented
3621 West Allerton Avenue
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221
(414) 281-6729

Contact: Milton M. Mandelin

Additional Contact: Francis P. Ryan
3955 W. Honey Creek Circle
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221
(414) 281-2566

Membership: Not reported

Organization Focus: Promote gifted and talented education; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Instrumental in establishing local gifted and talented program; inservices; newsletter.

Desired Future Activities: Legislation to have gifted and talented education mandatory in Wisconsin; activities for gifted and talented children in area.

New Berlin Council for the Gifted and Talented
5345 South Majors Drive
New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151
(414) 679-1251

Contact: Jean Crotty

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 18

Organization Focus: Expand educational opportunities for the gifted and talented.

Activities - past and present: Meetings and speakers to develop an awareness of the needs of the gifted and talented.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of information dissemination activities.

NEWTAG, Inc. (Northeastern Wisconsin Talented and Gifted, Inc.)
500 St. Mary's Blvd.
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301
(414) 336-3607

Contact: Karen Lacey Until: May, 1981

Additional Contact: Joanne Blom
349 Gywnn
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301
(414) 336-5862

Membership: 135

Organization Focus: Enhance public awareness of educational needs of gifted and talented students; establish and maintain open communication with teachers and administrators; encourage and support gifted and talented programs in local schools.

Activities - past and present: Mentor program; co-sponsored summer mini-courses; planned game days for children.

Desired Future Activities: Expansion of above activities; become more involved as advocacy group to encourage gifted and talented programs in local schools.

Parents for Gifted Education
(Chapter of Wisconsin Council for Gifted and Talented)
334 Spring Lake Road
Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501
(715) 369-2806

Contact: Peggy Abel Until: Fall, 1980

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 10

Organization Focus: Establishment of a gifted and talented program in local schools; information dissemination.

Activities - past and present: Responsible for establishment of gifted and talented program.

Desired Future Activities: Involvement with gifted and talented program as resource group; education of gifted and talented parents; Saturday classes for students.

Parents in Support of Gifted and Talented Education
561 N. Main St.
Oregon, Wisconsin 53575

Contact: Donna Mahr Until: June, 1983
(608) 835-3436

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 35

Organization Focus: Parent education; volunteers for local school programs; directing Federal IV C Project as advisory board members.

Activities - past and present: Trained as Junior Great Books leaders; helped create two classes for gifted and talented at high school level; introduced contests into high school curriculum; writing workshops for grades 1-6 after school.

Desired Future Activities: Development of area exchange of ideas for both parents and teaching staff.

Watertown Council for Creative Education
916 Charles Street
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094
(414) 261-4050

Contact: R.A. Miller

Additional Contact: Not reported.

Membership: 20

Organization Focus: Lobbying for gifted and talented programs at local and state levels.

Activities - past and present: Local meetings; hosting of state meeting.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Whitefish Bay Association of Gifted and Talented
5042 N. Ardmore Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217
(414) 962-3619

Contact: Nancy Ghandi

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 15

Organization Focus: Parent input; edification of the gifted and talented field.

Activities - past and present: Enrichment programs.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Wisconsin Council for the Gifted and Talented
3621 West Allerton Avenue
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221
(414) 281-6729

Contact: Marilyn M. Bendiksen Until: October, 1980
3470 Greenbriar Court
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
(608)788-0268

Additional Contact: Fred and Janet Kusch
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
(608) 785-8149 or 788-0268

Membership: 360

Organization Focus: Public awareness; member information; annual conference; legislative initiative.

Activities - past and present: Annual conferences since 1974; monthly mailings to members, initiating force for legislation; workshops for parents.

Desired Future Activities: Creating respectability and honor for the gifted in the state.

Wisconsin Council for the Gifted and Talented - Madison Chapter
2128 Fox Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53711
(608) 256-3182

Contact: Elizabeth W. Conner

Additional Contact: Not reported

Membership: 20

Organization Focus: Participation in statewide organizational activities.

Activities - past and present: None as organization. Members individually volunteer for various projects for gifted and talented students in local schools.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Wyoming

Cheyenne Parents Association for Gifted Education
5165 Hay Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
(307) 635-5395

Contact: Theodore J. Fetter Until: March, 1981

Additional Contact: Mary Woolsey
6134 Kerry Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
(307) 634-1432

Membership: 50

Organization Focus: Increase ommunity awareness of needs of gifted students; encourage and support local gifted and talented program.

Activities - past and present: Urging school district to establish resources; helping district establish testing and identification procedures; working at state level to increase attention to gifted.

Desired Future Activities: Information not reported.

Parents Association for Gifted Education (PAGE)
225 Juniper Street
Green River, Wyoming 82935
(307) 875-7545

Contact: Ruth Dahlman Until: June, 1981

Additional Contact: Kathy Johnson
1705 Massachusetts Court
Green River, Wyoming 82935
(307) 875-6866

Membership: 38

Organization Focus: Help parents understand gifted children; create public awareness.

Activities - past and present: Newsletter; enrichment classes.

Desired Future Activities: Help establish other parent groups.

HOW A PARENT GROUP CAN EFFECT LEGISLATION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

Is it possible for parents to effect the development and subsequent enactment of legislation for the gifted and talented?

Yes; in fact, most of the existing state legislation for the gifted and talented was greatly influenced by parents. In addition, the Education of Gifted and Talented Children's Act of 1978, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1978 (Public Law 95-561), was formulated with input and support from individual parents and parent groups across the country.

How can parents of the gifted and talented effect legislation?

The best and most effective way parents can influence legislation for their children is through initiating and maintaining open and constant communication with their elected representatives. Elected officials represent all constituents, not just special interest groups. Communication to a representative should deal with pressing legislative issues and should include information that serves to clarify and nurture a given position. The most effective parent groups are those that are well informed about the issues surrounding the education of gifted and talented children, and can furnish specific content information to elected representatives at all levels of government.

What strategies can parents us to effect legislation?

Draft a bill. A parent group can draft a bill sensitive to the needs of all gifted and talented children throughout their state. Once the bill is drafted, the group can then seek a sponsor from among their elected representatives.

Get help from professional advocates. Parents can contact a professional advocate organization for technical assistance in determining a direction and selecting a set of strategies to influence legislation.

Write letters. Writing letters is an activity that can be undertaken easily by individuals or groups. Letters help officials identify voter sentiment on major issues. The content of a letter should be explanatory without being wordy. Legislators appreciate letters that are well thought out and clearly represent a particular point of view. While many letters may be similar, form letters should not be used, as they carry little weight.

Make telephone calls. This strategy is useful for short range activities and immediate input. When telephoning a representative's office, callers should identify themselves and their affiliation such as parent of a gifted and talented child, or member of (name of parent organization). If the legislator is out of the office, speak with a member of the staff. All information will be forwarded to the legislator.

Send a wire. Sending a wire encouraging representative support is most effective on the day a bill is due to be acted upon. Wires should be short and to the point. A good rule of thumb is no more than three typewritten lines.

Visit your representative. Visiting a representative's office requires a greater time and energy commitment than some of the other strategies but it is worthwhile because it allows the representative to personally identify an issue with a person or group.

Testify. Parents should offer testimony at scheduled legislative hearings to present a case for gifted and talented children.

Additional strategies that can be used include:

- Inviting legislators to visit classrooms or programs for the gifted and talented.
- Inviting legislators to speak or attend an organization's banquet.
- Making awards to legislators who have publicly advocated for the gifted and talented.
- Publicizing all relevant activities involving legislators in local newspapers and on radio and television.

This fact sheet is based in part on information presented in the *Political Action Network (PAN) Handbook*, prepared by the Governmental Relations Unit of The Council for Exceptional Children, Reston, Virginia. For more information and the name of your state's PAN representative, contact your CEC state federation or a local CEC chapter.

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